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SUBJECT: GDR TRAVEL FEES FOR AUTOMOBILES

REF: (A) STATE 158234, (B) BERLIN 3409, (C) STATE 117950

1. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED A REPLY TO NOTE ON GDR TRAVEL FEES FOR AUTOMOBILES WHICH WAS SENT TO MFA 17 MAY 1978. THE GDR DOES NOT PUBLISH, OR OTHERWISE MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, VISA FEES OR ROAD TOLLS. THE INFORMATION ON CHARGES PROVIDED IN REF (B) CAME FROM INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE TRAVELERS OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. MOST OF THE CHARGES HAVE BEEN VERBALLY CONFIRMED BY GDR OFFICIALS AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER. IN SO FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, THE CHARGES ARE UNIFORMLY APPLIED TO ALL TRAVELERS ENTERING THE GDR BY PRIVATE VEHICLE. THEY ARE NOT LEVIED SOLELY AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS. NOR ARE U.S. CITIZENS CHARGED A DIFFERENT RATE THAN OTHER NATIONALITIES. THE CHARGES ARE NOT HIGH, IF MEASURED AGAINST GDR VISA FEES AND MANDATORY HARD CURRENCY EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS, BUT MUST COME AS SOMETHING OF A SHOCK TO THE TRAVELER WHO HAS NOT ENCOUNTERED ROAD USE FEES ANYWHERE ELSE IN EUROPE.

2. ON RECEIPT OF REF (A) WE MADE A TELEPHONE ENQUIRY ASKING WHEN WE COULD EXPECT A REPLY TO OUR NOTE
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OF MAY 17, AND WERE TOLD "YOU WILL RECEIVE A REPLY IN DUE COURSE".

3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS MFA FOR A DEFINITIVE STATEMENT ON TEMPORARY CUSTOMS PLATE REQUIREMENTS AND CHARGES APPLICABLE TO THE OPERATION OF PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES BY VISITORS TO THE GDR.

DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROMPTLY INFORMED WHEN THE
INFORMATION IS RECEIVED. BOLEN

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